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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 October 2005.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-28 and 33-46 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-28 and 33-46 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the amendment filed 10/28/2005.
2. Claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 25, 33 and 38-46 were amended.
3. Claims 29-32 are canceled.
4. Claims 1-28 and 33-46 are pending in this office action.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

5. The rejection of claim 38 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is withdrawn.
6. The rejections of claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 25 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §101, have been withdrawn.
7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-28 and 33-46 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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10. Claims 1-28 and 33-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,535,912 by Anupam et al. (Anupam) in view of U.S. Patent 5,774,123 by Matson (Matson).

11. With respect to Claim 1, Anupam teaches a computer implemented method of generating a bookmark to resolve a desired resource, said method comprising:

storing, as a first portion of said bookmark, a base network address indicative of the location of a first resource (Col. 7 lines 50-54); and

storing, in respective next portions of said bookmark, at least those user interactions necessary to resolve respective additional resources including a final resource comprising said desired resource (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The storing of a user interaction, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a second resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing a user interaction using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user. Matson teaches storing user interactions using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the method disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the method further comprises wherein at least one user interaction is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user, wherein

the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a second resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

12. With respect to Claim 2, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1 and further teaches wherein said base network address comprises a uniform resource locator (In Anupam: Col. 7 lines 50-54).

13. With respect to Claim 3, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1 and further teaches wherein said user interaction comprise at least one of resource selections, line data, point device selection and keyboard data (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 67).

14. With respect to Claim 4, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1, wherein said bookmark includes a display window size identifier (In Matson: Col. 6 lines 32-47).

15. With respect to Claim 5, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 4, wherein user interactions comprising pointing device selections have associated with them pixel positions within said display window (In Matson: Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15).

16. With respect to Claim 6, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1, wherein user interactions comprising pointing device selections are defined in terms of pixel coordinates (In Matson: Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15).

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17. With respect to Claim 7, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1 and further teaches the step of adapting parameters of a user profile in response to said user interactions (In Anupam: Col. 8 lines 40-53).

18. With respect to Claim 8, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 1 and further teaches wherein each of said iteratively stored user interaction are stored in respective chain stack records, said bookmark comprising a linked list of said chain stack records (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and see Fig. 2, and Col. 6 line 3-11).

19. With respect to Claim 9, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 8 and further teaches said user may reset said list of chain stack records (In Anupam: Col. 13 lines 13-20).

20. With respect to Claim 10, Anupam teaches a computer implemented method for generating a chained network address, comprising:

storing, in a base network field, a first selected network address (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53); and

iteratively storing as a sequence of records, a respective sequence of executed selections, each of the executed selections operating to modify a resolved resource associated with a respective preceding record (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The storing of an executed selection, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a resolved resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing an executed selection using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user. Matson teaches storing user interactions (executed selection) using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the method disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the method further comprises wherein at least one executed selection is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user, wherein the at least one executed selection comprises a target network address of at least one resolved resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

21. With respect to Claim 11, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 10 and further teaches the executed selection are formed by storing, for each resolved resource, user input resulting in the transmission of data to a server (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53, and Col. 12 lines 40-55).

22. With respect to Claim 12, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 10 and further teaches the executed selection are formed by storing, for each resolved resource, user input resulting in the transmission of data to a applet (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and Col. 5 lines 25-65).

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23. With respect to Claim 13, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 10 and further teaches wherein the sequence of records is adapted to form a linked list (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53, and Col. 6 lines 3-11).

24. With respect to Claim 14, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 10 and further teaches replacing the first selected network address within the base network address field with a network address embedded within a presently resolved resource ((In Anupam: Col. 5 line 25 - Col. 6 line 11 describes the basic flow, Col. 6 line 12 - Col. 7 line 49 gives a more detail description of the overall process)).

25. With respect to Claim 15, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 10 and further teaches said network address comprises a uniform resource locator (URL) (In Anupam: Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

26. With respect to Claim 16, Anupam teaches a computer implemented method comprising:

defining, for each executable selection made by a browser user, a network address chain stack record including at least a first field for storing the network address of a currently retrieved resource (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53), and a second field for storing user input modifying the currently retrieved resource (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53), and

linking each network address chain record to a respective next network address chain record to from a linked list of network address chain records (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and Col. 6 lines 3-11); and associating the linked list of chain records with a chain header record, the chain header record including a first field for storing a base

network address and a second field for storing the chain records (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The at least one network address chain record, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing at least one network address chain record using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by the user. Matson teaches storing at least one network address chain record using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the method disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the method further comprises wherein at least one network address chain record is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by the browser user, wherein the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

27. With respect to Claim 17, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 16, further comprising the step of: storing, in a third field of each network address chain record, a parameter indicative of an appropriate display window size (In Matson: Col. 6 lines 32-47).

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28. With respect to Claim 18, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 16 and further teaches wherein said network address comprises a chain uniform resource locator (URL) address) (In Anupam: Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and See Fig. 2).

29. With respect to Claim 19, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 16 and further teaches monitoring each of a plurality of user interactions associated with the retrieved resource; and storing each user interaction causing a modification of the retrieved resource (In Anupam: Col. 5 line 25 - Col. 6 line 11 describes the basic flow of monitoring, Col. 6 line 12 - Col. 7 line 49 gives a more detail description of the overall process).

30. With respect to Claim 20, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 19 and further teaches wherein a sequence of stored user interactions represents those user interactions necessary to resolve a desired resources (In Anupam: Col. 5 lines 13-65).

31. With respect to Claim 21, Anupam teaches a computer implemented method for use in a browser program, the method comprising:

storing for each user manipulation of a currently retrieved resource, data indicative of such user manipulation (Col. 5 line 25 - Col. 6 line 11 describes the basic flow, Col. 6 line 12 - Col. 7 line 49 gives a more detail description of the overall process); and

combining a network address of a base resource and at least one data structure indicative of user manipulation of said base resource to form a compound network

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address, said compound network address suitable for retrieving a resource according to the stored user manipulations (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The storing of a user manipulation, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a second resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing a user manipulation using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user. Matson teaches storing user manipulations using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the method disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the method further comprises wherein at least one user manipulation is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user, wherein the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a second resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

32. With respect to Claim 22, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 21 and further teaches wherein said network addresses comprise uniform resource locators (URLs) (In Anupam: Col. 7 lines 50-54).

33. With respect to Claim 23, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 21 and further teaches said user manipulations comprise at least one of resource

selections, line data, point device selection and keyboard data (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 67).

34. With respect to Claim 24, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 23, wherein user manipulation comprising pointing device selections are defined in terms of pixel coordinates (In Matson: Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15).

35. With respect to Claim 25, Anupam teaches a uniform resource locator (URL) embodied in a tangible computer-readable medium, comprising:

a base URL and a sequence of executable selections (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53);

the base URL defining a location of a resource to be retrieved (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53); and

the sequence of executable selections defining a respective sequence of navigation selections to be executed, each of the sequence of selection being executed after a sequentially preceding selection has been executed (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The storing of an executed selection, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing an executed selection using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user. Matson teaches storing executed selections using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 -

Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the URL disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the URL further comprises wherein at least one executed selection is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user, wherein the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

36. With respect to Claim 26, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 25 and further teaches wherein the navigation selections comprise at least one of a URL, line data, a pointing device selection and keyboard data (In Anupam Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 67).

37. With respect to Claim 27, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 25, further comprising a browser size filed, for storing a display window size parameter (In Matson: Col. 6 lines 32-47).

38. With respect to Claim 28, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 25 and further teaches wherein the selection field comprises, for each of the at least one navigation selection: a content field, for storing the navigation selection; a type field for storing an indication of the type of navigation selection included within the content field; and a next record field, for identifying a next navigation selection within the

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sequence of navigation selections (In Anupam Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and see Fig. 2 and 3).

39. With respect to Claim 33, Anupam teaches a data structure embodied in a computer readable medium, comprising:

a uniform resource locator (URL) chain header record comprising a base URL and a plurality of URL chain records (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53), each of the URL chain records comprising a content field for storing an executable selection, the executable selection causing a present resource to be modified (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53, and see Fig. 2 and 3).

The at least one URL chain record, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing at least one URL chain record using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by the user. Matson teaches storing at least one URL chain record using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the data structure disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the data structure further comprises wherein at least one URL chain record is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by the user, wherein the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a

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resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

40. With respect to Claim 34, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 33 and further teaches the URL chain record further comprises a type field indicative of the type of executable selection included within the content field (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and See Fig. 2 and 3).

41. With respect to Claim 35, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 34 and further teaches wherein the type of executable content comprises at least one of a URL, line data, a pointing device selection and keyboard data (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 67).

42. With respect to Claim 36, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 35 and further teaches each of the URL chain records comprises a next record field for storing a pointer to a next URL chain record within the URL chain (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53, see fig. 2 and 3, and note Col. 13 lines 39-58).

43. With respect to Claim 37, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 36, wherein the URL chain header record comprises a browser size field for storing an indication of an appropriate display window (IN Matson: Col. 6 lines 32-47).

44. With respect to Claim 38, Anupam teaches a tangible computer readable medium storing a software program that, when executed by a processor, performs a method comprising the steps of:

storing, as a first portion of said bookmark, a base network address indicative of the location of a first resource (Col. 7 lines 50-54); and

storing, in respective next portions of said bookmark, at least those user interactions necessary to resolve respective additional resources including a final resource comprising said first resource (Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

The storing of a user interaction, including a pointer selection (Col. 4 lines 30-44) further comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user (Col. 7 lines 50 - Col. 8 line 53).

Anupam does not explicitly disclose storing a user interaction using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user. Matson teaches storing user interactions using the coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user (Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15). The pointer selection and coordinates can also be associated with the target address (Col. 6 lines 16-31).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to take the method disclosed by Anupam and modify it as indicated by Matson such that the method further comprises wherein at least one user interaction is stored using at least one coordinate of a pointer selection made by a user, wherein the pointer selection comprises a target network address of a resource retrieved by the user. One would be motivated to have this, as there is need for enhancing navigation of online resources (In Matson: Col. 1 lines 46-52).

45. With respect to Claim 39, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38 and further teaches wherein said base network address comprises uniform resource locators (URLs) (In Anupam: Col. 7 lines 50-54).

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46. With respect to Claim 40, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38 and further teaches wherein said user interactions comprise at least one of resource selections, line data, point device selection and keyboard data (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 67).

47. With respect to Claim 41, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38, wherein said bookmark includes a display window size identifier (In Matson: Col. 6 lines 32-47).

48. With respect to Claim 42, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 41, wherein user interactions comprising pointing device selections have associated with them pixel positions within said display window (In Matson: Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15).

49. With respect to Claim 43, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38, wherein user interactions comprising pointing device selections are defined in terms of pixel coordinates (In Matson: Col. 5 line 54 - Col. 6 line 15).

50. With respect to Claim 44, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38 and further teaches the step of adapting parameters of a user profile in response to said user interactions (In Anupam: Col. 8 lines 40-53).

51. With respect to Claim 45, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 38 and further teaches wherein each of said iteratively stored user interaction are stored in respective chain stack records, said bookmark comprising a linked list of said chain stack records (In Anupam: Col. 7 line 50 - Col. 8 line 53 and see Fig. 2, and Col. 6 line 3-11).

52. With respect to Claim 46, Anupam in view of Matson teaches all the limitations of Claim 45 and further teaches said user may reset said list of chain stack records (In Anupam: Col. 13 lines 13-20).

Conclusion

53. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Lazaro whose telephone number is 571-272-3986. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00 M-F.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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